

Metrics for Measuring Improvements Asthma Program

The value of a care management program can only be demonstrated through measurable improvement in relevant quality indicators. The indicators selected are as follows:

- Reduction in emergency room visits per thousand members with a primary or secondary diagnosis of asthma, ICD-9 493.0 - 493.9, using a 12-month measurement period to avoid seasonal variation.
- Reduction in inpatient hospital admissions per thousand members with a primary or secondary diagnosis of asthma, ICD-9 493.0 – 493.9, using a 12-month measurement period.
- Increase in the number of prescriptions filled for inhaled corticosteroids within the identified population of members enrolled consecutively for 12 or more months with one or more claims having a primary or secondary diagnosis of asthma, ICD-9 493.0 – 493.9, using a 12-month measurement period.